

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Don Bettine, Jim Haskins, Jack Krueger, John Maino,
Duane "Snake" Pierce, Sherry Steenbock, John Walschinski.
EXCUSED: Kristen Verhaagh, Troy Ness
ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Polus.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Krueger at 5:15 p.m.

2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.

3. Approve/modify agenda:

**A motion was made by Walschinski and seconded by Haskins to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 13, 2009.

**A motion was made by Bettine and seconded by Pierce to approve. Vote
taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Discuss Plans for the 2009 Veterans' Day Program at Duck Creek VFW.

Sherry Steenbock provided a list of donors and donations to the committee and stated she was fortunate to get five new sponsors. Although there were a few sponsors that declined due to the economy she stated overall she was pleased with the response.

Chair Krueger stated that he was told by Ms Verhaagh that Hinterland Brewery will offer free beer with any purchase.

Steenbock stated with regards to advertising in the paper, she had confirmed with five papers noting Ashwaubenon Press, DePere, Denmark Press, Green Bay Press Gazette and the Green Bay Sun. The Ashwaubenon Press plans to have two articles in their paper, one regarding the VFW activity and the authors.

A brief discussion ensued with regards to passing out tickets and the announcement of winners. Maino suggested posting the winning tickets on a board and announcing in the beginning that the tickets will be posted at specified times. The concerns with announcing the winners like they have in the past are that the acoustics in the building are not very good and not everyone can hear. Steenbock added that this year she thought passing the ticket out at the door would make more sense than walking around to see if tickets had been received by all.

Haskins reported that he had filled up his 9 in '09 and actually have 11 sponsors confirmed.

6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available).

Jerry reported on the Honor Flight from last Tuesday stating it was a fantastic experience. He stated that if anyone was interested in being a guardian there was a special application and a \$500 fee but noted it was a life changing, unforgettable experience.

7. Report from Chair Jack Krueger: No report.

8. Report from Committee Members (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschinski).

Haskins reported on the following:

- The Golden Corral will have their free dinner for Veterans on Monday, November 16th from 5-9 p.m.
- Applebee's will have their special for Veterans on Wednesday, November 11th.
- ESPN will do an all week broadcast for Veterans.
- Green Bay Yacht Club will have a ceremony, Saturday, November 7th at 11 a.m. including a 21 gun salute and reception.
- Stowe Drug Store had an entire front window display for Veterans.

Walschinski provided a copy of a presentation that he had been working on for the past two years to each committee member and stated he had been inspired to do this from a picture of a homeless Veteran on the cover of American Legion. As a member of the United States Army, although he did not serve in Vietnam the country, there were five men that he did serve with that did parish in Vietnam. The goal with this project is to help Veterans and members of their families.

Bettine reported that N.E.W. Lutheran High School is planning a special Veterans Day chapel services on November 10th at 9:30 a.m. The staff and students would like to send a cordial invitation to all veterans to attend. Recognizing that personal memories can contribute much to a better understanding of histories, the seniors are doing a multimedia project as a classroom assignment for American Government and English and are looking for willing volunteers to be interviewed. The students will interview the volunteers and use some of the interviews for a multimedia presentation. Those who volunteer will receive a copy of the presentation after completion. The projects will be shown at Heritage Hill as part of their Memorial Day program. Maino announced that Green Bay West High School had contacted him and stated that their AVID Club also planned an event for Veteran's Day. Maino stated he received an email and will bring back more information. Bettine stated they are having the usual Memorial Day service at the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena and every year the East High School DECA Club hands out thank yous.

Maino reported that he had a caramel apple sale at Festival Foods and raised \$600 in honor of Lance Cpl. Josh Wege from Fond du Lac who lost his feet after being wounded in Afganistan. The Vietnam Vets Association and the Desert Veterans each made a donation of \$1,000 after hearing Maino on the radio. Maino also noted that he would like to bring in Jeff Forsburg to have him recognized. Maino stated that two years ago a woman had contacted him about her nephew who had almost zero communication from where he was stationed. Through donations and Mr. Forsburgs help, a computer café was set up with brand new laptops and free internet service.

Maino reported he will be spending some time in Appleton attending a huge drive at the American Legion (corner of Beaumont & College Ave.) with the goal to fill a Lamers bus full of supplies. He noted that if anyone was interested in collecting items, feel free to bring it down and drop it off. Even if it is going to a specific person, they will cover the shipping and packaging, etc.

Snake reported that on November 10th at 5pm at the American Legion Post 11 on Sals St., a flag retirement ceremony will be held. Snake informed the committee that on behalf of the Green Bay Packers, Mark Murphy would like to welcome Vietnam Veterans to Lambeau Field for their "Welcome Home" weekend, LZ Lambeau. This event will be comprised of three days of events, with the main event taking place on Saturday, May 22, 2010, in Lambeau Field, featuring special speakers, recognition, and music and premiere segments from the Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories documentary. Other events during the weekend include "The Moving Wall" which will be on display on Ridge Rd. For more info visit www.LZLambeau.org. Snake stated that the Honor Ride from LaCrosse to Green Bay will be put together by Rolling Thunder Chapters 3 & 4. Roughly a 230 mile ride that will have four or five stops with a final pick up at the Timber Rattlers Stadium in Appleton before heading to Green Bay. There is FAA clearance for a restored Vietnam era "Huey" helicopter to fly over the bikes. The gentleman that put it together is working on a number of aircrafts to be here and already had a possible second Huey and a 08G or 086 Chopper that was in Nam and is coming with its original pilot. Others may include a UH34V Marine Chopper that spent six years in Nam, a Mohawk, a Bird Dog, a Spooky Gunship, a C130, a C135 tanker, a Blackhawk, an Apache, a couple Cobras, an M22 Austria, a harrier jump jet, and some F16s to be on display at the airport. The Neville Museum, the Railroad Museum and Heritage Hill will also have exhibits. Everything on the grounds throughout the LZ Lambeau weekend is free except for the Saturday night event which will be ticketed due to the limited seating. Veterans can get tickets for \$2 (which is the cost of handling), non-vets \$10. There is talk of a possible concert Friday night at the Resch Center and for those who can not get in, a couple ladies from the USO were looking at setting up alternative entertainment possibly from the Vietnam era. Snake stated this event will be a "monster" and titled it the "Woodstock" for the people who were around or gone through this time in their lives. Newspaper and media coverage will start January 2010. The Press Gazette will have stories the week leading up to the event.

9. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.

A brief discussion ensued with regards to "Thank you" plaques for new sponsors. Ms Steenbock will print out a list of the new sponsors and Chair Krueger will look into it.

A motion was made by Haskins and seconded by Walschinski to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary